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FOREWORD

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## INTRODUCTION

The weather site designated as "A" Station is in the Headquarters area of White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). Its geographic coordinates are 32° 22.7' North and 106° 28.8' West (Fig. 1). The elevation of the Station Barometer is 4,238.4 feet above sea level. The climatological data in this report are for a period of 22 years, 1950 through 1971, unless otherwise indicated. (Daily temperature means and extremes only have been computed through December 1971.) The station was initially operated by the Air Force, but since April 1961, it has been manned by U. S. Army personnel.

Temperature, wind, precipitation and relative humidity are measured with instruments mounted on the roof of the weather station building, No. 1510. (The elevation of the floor of the instrument shelter is 4,252 feet.) However, since May 1955 wind measurements have been made by an Aerovane mounted on a 13-foot mast 0.5 miles west--279°--from the station, (elevation of Aerovane, 4,304.05 feet) with indicators and recorders for wind speed and direction installed in the weather station building.

Temperature extremes are the highest (maximum) and the lowest (minimum) temperatures which have occurred for each day of the year for the period of record. Temperatures are given in degrees Fahrenheit, wind speeds are in knots, and rainfall and snowfall are reported in inches.

The data in this report are considered to be representative of the Headquarters area. However, due to the great extent and extreme variations in elevation and topography of WSMR (4,000 square miles, from dry lake beds--"playas"--at 3,900 feet to mountain peaks near 9,000 feet, Fig. 1 and 2) conditions in other parts of the range may vary widely. For example, the record low temperature for this station is 6° below zero, while at White Sands National Monument it is 25° below zero, and both of these records occurred on the same date--11 January 1962. Also, severe local thunderstorms may produce torrential rainfall in a comparatively small area with little or no rainfall a few miles distant. On 4 July 1961, 1.80" of rain fell in 48 minutes at "A" Station and the 24-hour total was 2.31", while at Orogrande, 24 miles east, the total rainfall for that day was only 0.02".

The greatest 24-hour rainfall of record on the Range occurred at White Sands National Monument on 21-22 September 1941, with a fall of 5.30". Of this amount, 4.28" fell in five hours--1430-1930 MST, 21 September. This, however, was a general storm, with rainfall totals at a few other stations on or near WSMR as follows: Alamogordo, 2.60"; El Paso Airport, 3.42"; Las Cruces, 4.61"; Orogrande, 3.27"; Tularosa, 4.75". The greatest 24-hour rainfall of record at "A" Station is 4.25", which fell on 23-24 August 1959. (See Table III.)

## DISCUSSION

### COLD SEASON (NOVEMBER-APRIL) WEATHER

December and January are the coldest months, with nearly identical mean temperatures. (See Table I.) February averages nearly 4° warmer, but it has the same low temperature record as December. The record low temperature, (-6°) occurred on 11 January 1962, when absolute record minima were established at most stations in southern New Mexico, during an extremely severe cold spell.

The average number of days with minimum temperatures at or below freezing is 38, and with 20° or less is only three. The earliest date of the last freezing temperature in spring occurred on 14 February 1950 (see Table V), while the earliest date of a 90° temperature was 14 April 1963. The record high temperature for the cold season, 94°, was recorded on 22 April 1965. Average date of the first fall freeze is 20 November.

Only 30% of the annual rainfall occurs during the cold season, and April (the second driest month) and November (the third driest) altogether account for only 7% of the annual total. This 6-month period averages only three days with the occurrence of thunderstorms out of the annual total of 43 days. The three coldest months receive 77% of the annual snowfall total of 6.0 inches.

April, the windiest month of the year, has an average hourly wind speed of 8.7 knots. Visibility is reduced to 6 miles or less (by fog, snow, blowing dust, etc.) on an average of 21 days during this season. Five of these days occur in March and four in April, while the total for the year is 36 days. (See Table IV).

## WARM SEASON (MAY-OCTOBER) WEATHER

Although June and July are the warmest months, August is only slightly cooler (see Table II). The average number of days with a temperature of 100° or more is only 7, three each in June and July, and one in August. Only in occasional years do such high temperatures occur in May, and none have been recorded in September at this station. The greatest number of successive days with 100° or more is 8, from 26 June to 3 July 1960. However, 18 successive days with 99° or more occurred from 24 June to 11 July 1951. It was during these two periods that the absolute record high temperature of 106° occurred four times.

Maximum temperatures at Desert Station (near Army Block House) average about 1.2° higher than at "A" Station during the summer months, so that 100° temperatures can be expected in that area on an average of about 12 days each summer. At Orogrande, about 24 miles east of WSMR Headquarters, summer temperatures average about four degrees higher than at this station, and the absolute record high temperature for Orogrande, 116°, equals the record high temperature for the entire state of New Mexico.

The lowest maximum temperature of occurrence for any year was in 1959, when 99° was recorded only twice. The average number of days with maximum temperature of 90° or more is 84, sixty-seven of which occur during the three warmest months. The earliest date of 95° reading was 11 May 1962, and the average date is 2 June. The latest occurrence of 95° in late summer was on 27 September 1951, and the average date is 4 September, while there are thirty-six days per year when a maximum of 95° or more is recorded. October mean temperatures are within one degree of the annual mean.

May (the driest month) and June are, on the average, quite dry. Collectively, they contribute only 11% of the total annual rainfall. July, August and September, the wettest months of the year, account for 50% of the average annual rainfall of 10.30", and for 66% of the thunderstorms. Seventy percent of the annual rainfall occurs during the warm season and all but three of the 43 days with thunderstorms. The greatest monthly rainfall of record at this station, 7.42", occurred in June, 1966. The driest year of record was 1956, with a rainfall total of only 3.92", (see Table III.).

August, with an average hourly wind speed of 4.7 knots is the least windy month of the year, while the annual average is 6.1 knots. The prevailing wind direction for 11 of the 12 months is west, but for July it is southeast. Visibility of 6 miles or less occurs on 15 days during the warm season.

COLDEST PERIODS	TEMPERATURES (°F)				
	MEAN MAX	MEAN MIN	MEAN	HIGH- EST	LOW- EST
MONTH OF DECEMBER	56.0	34.7	45.4	77	8
MONTH OF JANUARY	56.3	34.6	45.5	73	-6
MONTH OF FEBRUARY	60.0	37.6	48.8	81	8
COLDEST 30 DAYS, 12/20 to 1/18	54.3	32.6	43.5	73	-6
COLDEST 15 DAYS, 1/3 to 1/17	54.1	32.2	43.2	73	-6
COLDEST 7 DAYS, 1/8 to 1/14	53.7	32.0	42.9	73	-6

TABLE I. TEMPERATURES DURING COLDEST MONTHS, "A" STATION

WARMEST PERIODS	TEMPERATURES (°F)				
	MEAN MAX	MEAN MIN	MEAN	HIGH- EST	LOW- EST
MONTH OF JUNE	92.8	69.0	80.9	106	50
MONTH OF JULY	93.3	70.5	81.9	106	59
MONTH OF AUGUST	91.1	68.8	80.0	103	35
WARMEST 30 DAYS, 6/18 to 7/17	94.4	71.0	82.7	106	59
WARMEST 15 DAYS, 6/19 to 7/3	95.2	71.5	83.4	106	59
WARMEST 7 DAYS, 6/22 to 6/28	95.5	72.2	83.9	106	62

TABLE II. TEMPERATURES DURING WARMEST MONTHS, "A" STATION

The following tabulations show the precipitation extremes (greatest and least) of record for White Sands Missile Range and vicinity:

**PRECIPITATION EXTREMES, "A" STATION, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE**

0.38 inch	8 minutes	1412-1420MST, 27 July 1965
1.80 inch	48 minutes	1530-1618MST, 4 July 1961
2.92 inches	3½ hours	0050-0320MST, 24 August, 1959
3.17 inches	6 hours	2245-0445MST, 23-24 August, 1959
3.72 inches	12 hours	1645-0445MST, 23-24 August, 1959
4.25 inches	24 hours	2210-1925MST, 23-24 August, 1959
Greatest annual rainfall:		20.02 inches in 1958.
Least annual rainfall:		3.92 inches in 1956.
Longest dry spell		
(no measurable rainfall):		123 days, 2/10-6/11, 1956.
Second longest dry spell:		80 days, 10/8-12/26, 1954.
Greatest seasonal snowfall:		24.5 inches, 1967-1968.
Greatest annual snowfall:		18.5 inches, 1960.

**HEAVIEST RAINFALL OF RECORD, WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT [3]**

0.95 inch	30 minutes	4.28 inches	5 hours
1.50 inch	1 hour	4.40 inches	6 hours
2.50 inches	2 hours	5.17 inches	12 hours
3.50 inches	3 hours	5.30 inches	24 hours, 9/21-22/41

**PRECIPITATION EXTREMES, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY, LAS CRUCES [8]**

Extremely heavy rainfall occurred at the University station from 11:05pm 29 Aug. to 7:00am 30 Aug., 1935, measured as follows:

0.64 inch	5 minutes	2.77 inches	60 minutes
1.06 inch	10 minutes	4.15 inches	2 hours
1.50 inch	15 minutes	4.77 inches	3 hours
1.86 inch	20 minutes	5.91 inches	4 hours
2.48 inches	30 minutes	6.46 inches	7 hours 55 minutes
Greatest 24-hour rainfall:		6.49 inches,	29-30 August, 1935
Greatest monthly rainfall:		7.53 inches,	September, 1941

**WETTEST AND DRIEST YEARS, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY**

15.05 inches in 1881, La Mesilla	13.26 inches in 1931, NMSU
17.09 inches in 1905, NMSU	19.60 inches in 1941, NMSU
14.35 inches in 1926, NMSU	14.01 inches in 1958, NMSU
3.61 inches in 1860, Ft. Fillmore	4.02 inches in 1910, NMSU
3.45 inches in 1873, Ft. Selden	3.81 inches in 1953, NMSU
4.47 inches in 1892, NMSU	3.62 inches in 1964, NMSU

**HEAVIEST SNOWFALL OF RECORD, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY**

	Greatest Monthly	Greatest 24-hours
January	4.7 inches in 1947	4.7 inches in 1947
February	10.4 inches in 1956	9.0 inches in 1956
March	2.7 inches in 1944	2.7 inches in 1944
November	5.0 inches in 1957	5.0 inches in 1957
December	10.3 inches in 1931	9.0 inches in 1931

TABLE III. PRECIPITATION EXTREMES, WSMR AND VICINITY



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FIGURE 1. WEATHER STATIONS, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE AND VICINITY

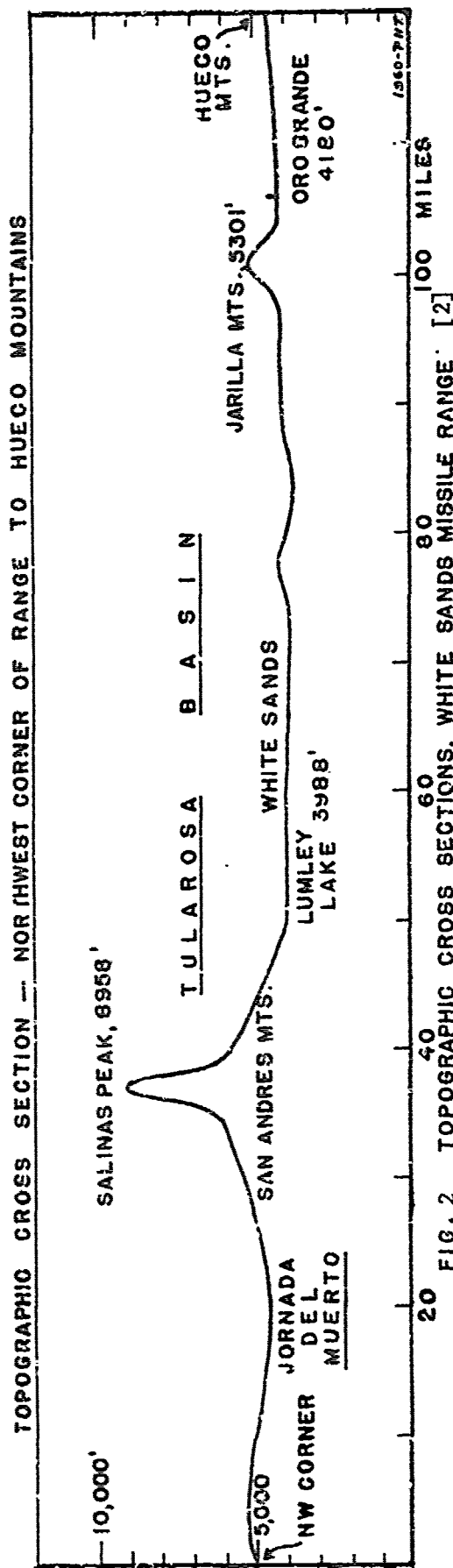
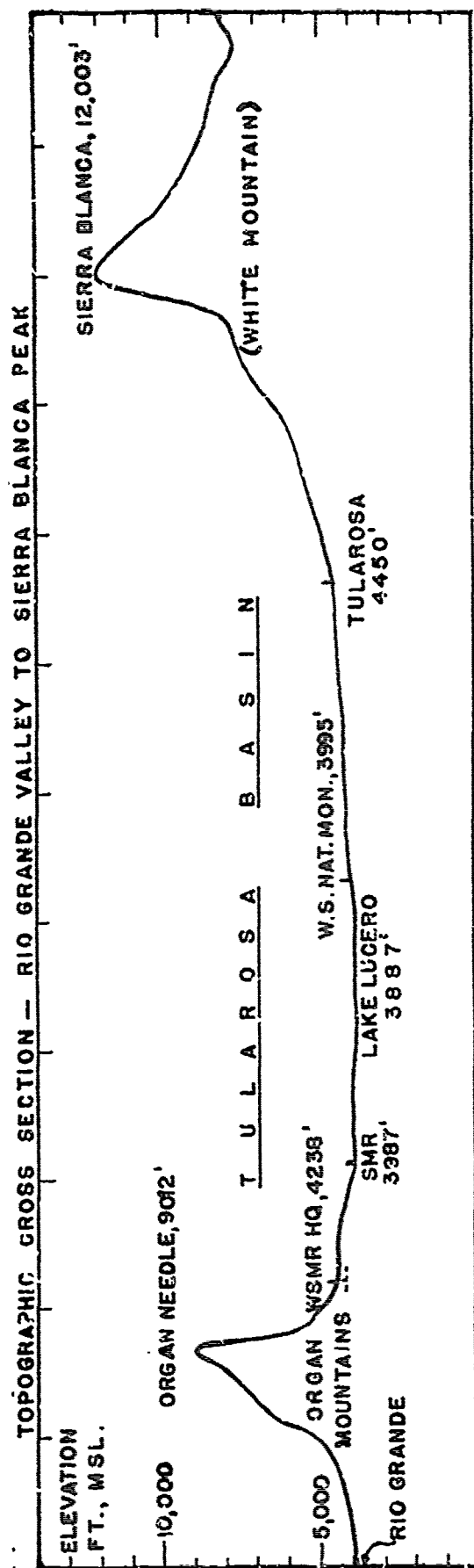


FIG. 2 TOPOGRAPHIC CROSS SECTIONS, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE. [2]



"A" STATION, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE.

DAILY TEMPERATURE MEANS AND EXTREMES, WITH YEAR OF OCCURRENCE

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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF AVERAGE CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA, WITH RAINFALL EXTREMES

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AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 62 1956	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 67 1971	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 61 1965	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 67 1965	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 69 1965	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 71 1969
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# "A" STATION, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE

## DAILY TEMPERATURE MEANS AND EXTREMES, WITH YEAR OF OCCURRENCE

F E B R U A R Y MONTHLY SUMMARY OF AVERAGE CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA, WITH RAINFALL EXTREMES F E B R U A R Y

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**"A" STATION, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE**  
**DAILY TEMPERATURE MEANS AND EXTREMES, WITH YEAR OF OCCURRENCE**  
**MONTHLY SUMMARY OF AVERAGE CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA, WITH RAINFALL EXTREMES**

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"A" STATION, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE  
DAILY TEMPERATURE MEANS AND EXTREMES, WITH YEAR OF OCCURRENCE

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"A" STATION. WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE

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"A" STATION, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE  
 DAILY TEMPERATURE MEANS AND EXTREMES, WITH YEAR OF OCCURRENCE  
 MONTHLY SUMMARY OF AVERAGE CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA, WITH RAINFALL EXTREMES

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF AVERAGE CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA, WITH RAINFALL EXTREMES									
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AVG. HIGH	83	AVG. HIGH	83	AVG. HIGH	82	AVG. HIGH	82	AVG. HIGH	82
HIGHEST	91	HIGHEST	88	HIGHEST	88	HIGHEST	88	HIGHEST	90
YEAR	1951	YEAR	1951	YEAR	1967	YEAR	1956	YEAR	1956
AVG. LOW	59	AVG. LOW	59	AVG. LOW	58	AVG. LOW	58	AVG. LOW	57
LOWEST	48	LOWEST	48	LOWEST	48	LOWEST	46	LOWEST	49
YEAR	1965	YEAR	1965	YEAR	1961	YEAR	1961	YEAR	1968
AVG. HIGH	81	AVG. HIGH	81	AVG. HIGH	80	AVG. HIGH	80	AVG. HIGH	79
HIGHEST	90	HIGHEST	92	HIGHEST	89	HIGHEST	88	HIGHEST	88
YEAR	1965	YEAR	1965	YEAR	1965	YEAR	1951	YEAR	1968
AVG. LOW	57	AVG. LOW	57	AVG. LOW	57	AVG. LOW	56	AVG. LOW	55
LOWEST	44	LOWEST	39	LOWEST	48	LOWEST	48	LOWEST	45
YEAR	1970	YEAR	1970	YEAR	1951	YEAR	1961	YEAR	1969
AVG. HIGH	78	AVG. HIGH	77	AVG. HIGH	77	AVG. HIGH	76	AVG. HIGH	75
HIGHEST	86	HIGHEST	85	HIGHEST	86	HIGHEST	82	HIGHEST	82
YEAR	1951	YEAR	1950	YEAR	1952	YEAR	1969	YEAR	1954
AVG. LOW	54	AVG. LOW	54	AVG. LOW	53	AVG. LOW	53	AVG. LOW	52
LOWEST	45	LOWEST	53	LOWEST	41	LOWEST	38	LOWEST	38
YEAR	1966	YEAR	1970	YEAR	1967	YEAR	1968	YEAR	1971
AVG. HIGH	74	AVG. HIGH	74	AVG. HIGH	73	AVG. HIGH	72	AVG. HIGH	72
HIGHEST	84	HIGHEST	85	HIGHEST	83	HIGHEST	86	HIGHEST	83
YEAR	1950	YEAR	1959	YEAR	1950	YEAR	1950	YEAR	1950
AVG. LOW	51	AVG. LOW	50	AVG. LOW	50	AVG. LOW	50	AVG. LOW	49
LOWEST	46	LOWEST	44	LOWEST	43	LOWEST	44	LOWEST	38
YEAR	1965	YEAR	1968	YEAR	1970	YEAR	1968	YEAR	1970
AVG. HIGH	71	AVG. HIGH	70	AVG. HIGH	70	AVG. MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	76.4	AVG. WIND SPEED	4.9 KNOTS
HIGHEST	83	HIGHEST	85	HIGHEST	85	AVG. MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	53.2	PREVAILING WIND DIR.	WEST
YEAR	1950	YEAR	1950	YEAR	1950	RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE	92	AVERAGE RAINFALL	0.99 IN.
AVG. LOW	48	AVG. LOW	48	AVG. LOW	47	RECORD LOW TEMPERATURE	33	AVERAGE SNOWFALL	0.0 IN.
LOWEST	35	LOWEST	36	LOWEST	34	AVG. RELATIVE HUMIDITY	41	AVERAGE CLOUDINESS	25 %
YEAR	1970	YEAR	1967	YEAR	1956	GREATEST MONTHLY RAINFALL	2.99 IN.	YEAR	1955
						GREATEST 24-HOUR RAINFALL	1.91 IN.	YEAR	1955
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**"A" STATION, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE**  
**DAILY TEMPERATURE MEANS AND EXTREMES, WITH YEAR OF OCCURRENCE**  
**NOVEMBER MONTHLY SUMMARY OF AVERAGE CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA, WITH RAINFALL EXTREMES NOVEMBER**

AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	69 84 1950	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	69 77 1952	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	68 74 1960	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	68 75 1968	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	67 76 1971	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	67 79 1950	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	66 83 1950
AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	46 39 1966	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	46 33 1966	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	45 33 1969	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	45 32 1967	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	44 34 1970	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	44 29 1959	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	43 29 1959
AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	66 80 1950	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	66 76 1969	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	65 76 1969	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	65 75 1969	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	65 77 1971	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	65 74 1965	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	64 77 1962
AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	43 33 1955	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	43 28 1955	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	42 25 1950	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	42 22 1950	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	42 28 1950	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	42 34 1961	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	42 28 1959
AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	64 77 1966	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	64 80 1966	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	64 81 1966	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	64 77 1966	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	63 74 1965	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	63 73 1966	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	63 73 1955
AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	42 30 1961	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	41 26 1956	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	41 28 1959	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	41 26 1958	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	40 25 1969	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	40 26 1969	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	40 25 1956
AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	62 74 1950	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	62 75 1965	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	62 73 1965	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	61 75 1965	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	61 75 1960	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	61 72 1950	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	60 73 1970
AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	40 25 1964	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	39 30 1964	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	39 28 1970	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	39 30 1956	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	39 25 1952	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	38 24 1952	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	38 25 1959
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AVERAGE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE 64.0° AVERAGE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE 41.3° RECORD MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE 84° RECORD MINIMUM TEMPERATURE 22° AVERAGE RELATIVE HUMIDITY 43% GREATEST MONTHLY RAINFALL 2.40 IN., YEAR 1961 GREATEST 24-HOUR RAINFALL 0.8 IN., YEAR 1961													
AVERAGE MONTHLY WIND SPEED 5.3 KNOTS PREVAILING WIND DIRECTION WEST AVERAGE MONTHLY RAINFALL 0.42 INCH AVERAGE MONTHLY SNOWFALL 0.8 INCH AVERAGE MONTHLY CLOUDINESS 30%													
*** EARLIEST DATE OF FIRST FREEZING TEMPERATURE, 1967. ** AVERAGE DATE OF FIRST FREEZING TEMPERATURE.													

**"A" STATION, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE**  
**DAILY TEMPERATURE MEANS AND EXTREMES, WITH YEAR OF OCCURRENCE**  
**D E C E M B E R MONTHLY SUMMARY OF AVERAGE CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA, WITH RAINFALL EXTREMES D E C E M B E R**

AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	59 73 1961	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	59 71 1954	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	58 77 1958	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	58 73 1958	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	58 68 1966	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	57 70 1954
AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	38 31 1969	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	37 27 1968	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	37 28 1963	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	36 24 1952	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	36 19 1950	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	36 24 1953
AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	57 70 1970	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	56 65 1958	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	56 72 1950	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	56 70 1958	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	55 69 1950	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	55 70 1950
AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	36 25 1968	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	35 20 1951	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	35 20 1960	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	35 22 1953	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	34 24 1966	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	34 21 1964
AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	55 67 1950	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	55 67 1970	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	55 65 1969	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	55 64 1969	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	55 69 1969	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	55 67 1969
AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	34 22 1957	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 22 1971	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 24 1964	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 26 1968	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 26 1965	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 25 1967
AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	55 69 1969	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 71 1955	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 70 1971	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 70 1971	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 69 1955	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 70 1955
AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 22 1967	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 17 1953	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 8 1953	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 21 1953	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 24 1953	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 22 1966
AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 60 1955	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 66 1964	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 66 1964	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 66 1964	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 66 1964	AVG. HIGH HIGHEST YEAR	54 66 1964
AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 18 1966	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 21 1958	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 21 1958	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 21 1958	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 21 1958	AVG. LOW LOWEST YEAR	33 21 1958
AVG. MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE 56.5 °    AVG. WIND SPEED 5.4 KNOTS AVG. MINIMUM TEMPERATURE 34.6 °    PREVAILING WIND DIR. WEST RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE 77 °    AVERAGE RAINFALL 0.75 IN. RECORD LOW TEMPERATURE 8 °    AVERAGE SNOWFALL 2.24 IN. AVG. RELATIVE HUMIDITY 47 %    AVERAGE CLOUDINESS 37 % GREATEST MONTHLY RAINFALL 2.43 IN., YEAR 1965 GREATEST 24-HOUR RAINFALL 1.02 IN., YEAR 1967, DATE 14-15											
** LATEST DATE OF FIRST FALL FREEZING TEMPERATURE, 1954.											

1948-1971 [6]										1950-1971										1961-63									
STATION PRESSURE (INCHES OF MERCURY)			SIX-HOURLY RELATIVE HUMIDITY						AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:						AVG. DE- GREE DAYS, BASE 65°F Ø		GREATEST SNOWFALL		AVG. DAILY SOLAR RADI- ATION ØØ										
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JAN	25.772	26.240	25.160	54	42	42	38	47	45	*	5	3	1	2	1	2	5.5	5.5	332										
FEB	25.726	26.170	25.180	49	36	36	29	40	39	*	5	3	2	2	2	2	7-8	1968	410										
MAR	25.676	26.180	25.180	41	28	28	22	33	31	1	6	4	2	1	4	4	8.6	8.6	508										
APR	25.664	26.160	25.190	35	23	23	17	27	26	1	4	2	1	=	4	4	14-15	1952	624										
MAY	25.672	26.080	25.290	34	21	21	16	25	24	4	5	2	1	=	2	16	0	0	679										
JUN	25.676	25.970	25.310	38	23	23	18	28	27	6	7	3	2	=	3	0	0	0	692										
JUL	25.751	26.050	25.470	58	36	36	31	46	43	13	15	8	4	1	3	0	0	0	632										
AUG	25.765	26.010	25.510	59	37	37	31	45	43	10	14	8	4	1	1	0	0	0	584										
SEP	25.752	26.050	25.410	56	36	36	30	45	42	5	8	5	3	1	1	4	0	0	538										
OCT	25.767	26.220	25.300	51	33	33	29	42	39	2	5	3	3	1	1	75	T	T	485										
NOV	25.771	26.240	25.290	51	34	34	34	44	41	=	4	2	1	1	1	363	6.2	6.2	340										
DEC	25.771	26.285	25.200	56	42	42	38	49	46	=	6	4	2	3	*	601	14th	1961	331										
YEAR	25.730	26.285	25.160	49	33	33	28	39	37	43	84	47	26	14	23	2528	14.0	14.9	513										

\* LESS THAN  $\frac{1}{2}$ . = LESS THAN  $\frac{1}{2}$ , BUT MAKING A TOTAL OF 1. L DISTANT LIGHTNING--NO THUNDER HEARD.

+ VISIBILITY REDUCED TO 6 MILES OR LESS DUE TO PRECIPITATION AND FOG.

++ VISIBILITY REDUCED TO 6 MILES OR LESS DUE TO HAZE, DUST AND BLOWING DUST. Ø HEATING DEGREE DAYS.

ØØ MEASUREMENTS IN LANGLEYS, MADE ON ROOF OF BUILDING 1744, WSMR HEADQUARTERS, BY CALIBRATION LABORATORY. T TRACE OF PRECIPITATION.

TABLE IV. MONTHLY AND ANNUAL CLIMATE DATA

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TABLE IV. MONTHLY AND ANNUAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA, "A" STATION, WSMR HEADQUARTERS

ITEM	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	YEAR
TEMPERATURES (°F)					
Mean Maximum	57.4	75.2	92.4	75.5	75.1
Mean Minimum	35.6	52.1	69.4	52.6	52.4
Mean	46.4	63.7	80.9	64.1	63.8
Extremes of Record					
Highest	81	103	106	98	106
Date	2/11/57	5/28/51	*	9/16/51	*
Lowest	-6	16	50	22	-6
Date	1/11/62	3/4/65	6/11/65	11/11/50	1/11/62
DEGREE DAYS (Base 65°F)	1655	431	0	442	2528
RELATIVE HUMIDITY (%)	43	27	38	401	37
SURFACE WINDS (Knots)					
Average Speed	W 5.9	W 8.2	W 5.5	W 5.0	W 6.1
Strongest Gusts	SW 82	W, WSW 74	S 60	W 61	SW 82
Month and Year	12/51	3/51, 5/61	6/62	11/65	Dec. '51
RAINFALL (Inches) Ø	1.74	1.01	4.84	2.71	10.30
Percent of Annual	17%	10%	47%	26%	100%
Greatest Monthly	2.43	3.00	7.42	5.76	7.42
Month and Year	12/65	3/58	6/66	9/58	6/66
Greatest 24-Hour	1.02	1.46	4.25	2.96	4.25
Dates	12/14-15/67	3/5-6/58	8/23-24/59	9/11-12/64	1959
SNOWFALL (Inches)	4.7	0.5	0.0	0.8	6.0
Greatest Monthly	14.9	3.5	0.0	6.2	14.9
Month and Year	12/67	3/58	- - -	11/61	1967
CLOUDINESS (%)	38	34	41	29	36
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:					
Measurable Rainfall	10	9	19	10	48
Thunderstorms	1	5	30	8	44
Visibility ≤ 6 Miles	10	11	9	6	36
Ø 0.01" or more					
STATION PRESSURE					
Average (Inches of Hg)	25.756	25.670	25.731	24.763	24.730
<p>WINTER = Months of December, January, February.          SPRING = March, April, May. SUMMER = June, July, August.          Fall = September, October, November.</p> <p>** With Prevailing Wind Directions. To convert knots to miles per hour, multiply knots by 1.15155.</p> <p>* Four Dates: June 28 &amp; 29, 1951; July 8, 1951; July 2, 1960.</p> <p>Ø "Rainfall" includes water content of snowfall.</p>					

TABLE V. "A" STATION CLIMATOGRAPHY--SEASONAL VALUES, 1950-1971